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SACLANT SLICE XXIII/SERIALS 12B AND D.

REFS: A. AC/4(PP)-DS/1015, ITEM II.1.(D)
B. AC/4(PP)D/11,180 (DRAFT)
C. AC/4(PP)FA/876

SUMMARY. PORTUGAL WILL REQUEST US AND UK USERS TO COST-SHARE REQUIRED ADDITIONAL DREDGING FOR SUBJECT PROJECT. US SHARE IS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY $160,000. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVICE AS TO US POSITION ON MATTER. END SUMMARY.

1. AT ITS MEETING ON 23 JANUARY 1975 (REF A) THE PAYMENTS AND PROGRESS (P&P) COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED PORTUGAL TO COMMIT ADDITIONAL FUNDS, AS DESCRIBED REF B, SUFFICIENT TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID FOR THE SUBJECT BERTHING IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

2. THE DREDGING PORTION OF THESE WORKS WAS ESTIMATED AT THE TIME
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OF AUTHORIZATION TO COMPRISE APPROXIMATELY 40,000 CU. METERS, THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO INCREASE THE DEPTH FROM 11 METERS TO 12.5 METERS TO ACCOMMODATE AUXILIARY OILER EXPLOSIVE (AOE) SHIPS.

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3. PORTUGAL HAS NOW ADVISED THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (NIS) THAT THE CONTRACTOR, FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL ON SITE, HAS DETERMINED THAT THE ACTUAL DEPTH IS NOT 11 METERS, AS ANTICIPATED, BUT INSTEAD VARIES BETWEEN 8 AND 10 METERS. ACCORDINGLY, PORTUGAL ESTIMATES THAT AN ADDITIONAL 80,000 CU.METERES OF DREDGING WILL BE REQUIRED, AND HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COVER THIS INCREASED SCOPE OF WORK.

4. THE NIS HAS REVIEWED PORTUGAL'S REQUEST, AND HAS ADVISED PORTUGAL, THE UK, THE US AND SACLANTREPEUR THAT THEY CANNOT SUPPORT THIS ADDITIONAL WORK FOR COMMON FUNDING. THE NIS VIEW IS THAT, SINCE NATO HAS ALREADY PAID ONCE FOR DREDGING TO A DEPTH OF 11 METERS (SEE REF C), IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HOST AND USER NATIONS TO MAINTAIN THIS DEPTH THROUGH MAINTENANCE DREDGING. IF IN FACT THE HOST AND USER NATIONS CANNOT AGREE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY 11 METER DEPTH, THEN NATO CANNOT PROVIDE THE ADDITI-ONAL 1.5. METERS AUTHORIZED BY REF A, AND THE WORKS SHOULD BE TERMINATED.

5. NIS SCREENING REPORT ON THE PROTUGUESE REQUEST FOR THE ADDI-TIONAL 80,000 CU.M. DREDGING WILL BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY AND WE WILL PROVIDE COPIES AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

6. PURPPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT ALL CONCERNED TO PROBLEM. EXPECT MOD PORTUGAL WILL BE ADDRESSING REQUEST DIRECT TO USERS (UK AND US) WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS TO COST-SHARE REQUIRED ADDITIONAL WORK. ESTIMATED US SHARE OF COST OF EXTRA 60,000 CU.M. DREDGING IS APPROXIMATELY (AT 25 ESCUDOS/DOLLAR) BASED ON USER COST-SHARING OF 74 PERCENT WHICH NIS UNDERSTANDS IS BASIC MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT. (UK
WOULD PAY 20 PERCENT AND PORTUGAL 6 PERCENT ACCORDING TO NIS UNDERSTANDING.)

7. ANY SIGNIFICANT DELAY IN RESPONDING TO MOD PORTUGAL'S ANTICIPATED REQUEST WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN INCREASED COST CLAIMS BY CONTRACTOR, WHO IS REPORTED TO BE MOBILIZED AND ON SITE NOW.
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USER INABILITY TO PAY THESE COSTS WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN CONTRACT CANCELLATION, WITH RESULTANT CONTRACTOR CLAIMS, SINCE WE EXPECT PORTUGAL TO STATE ITS INABILITY TO FINANCE THE 80,000 CU.M. REQUIREMENT ABOVE.

8. IN ADDITION TO ADDITIONAL 80,000 CU.M. DREDGING DESCRIBED ABOVE, PORTUGAL HAS ALSO PROPOSED TO WIDEN THE CHANNEL AT THE PIER BY APPROXIMATELY 30,000 - 35,000 CU.M. DREDGING TO FACILITATE MANOE-UVRING OF SHIPS WHEN LEAVING PIER. NIS AND SACLANT ARE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THIS REQUEST, AGAIN ON CONDITION THAT ABOVE PROBLEM IS RESOLVED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE USER COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL.

9. ANTICIPATE PORTUGUESE FUND REQUEST, TOGETHER WITH

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NIS, SCREENING, WILL BE PRESENTED TO P&P COMMITTEE ON 3 JULY.
REQUEST WE BE ADVISED OF FINAL POSITION ON COST-SHARING OF
ADDITIONAL 80,000 CU.M. DREDGING WHEN DETERMINED.
IF FINAL DECISION NOT AVAILABLE PRIOR TO 3 JULY MEETING, REQUEST
INTERIM STATUS REPORT ON 2 JULY IN ORDER THAT WE MAY RESPOND TO
INQUIRIES DURING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION.BRUCE

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